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For: Portable Networking Interface Method and Apparatus for Distributed Switching System

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28 pages of specification, including 34 claims, plus 7 sheets of drawings.

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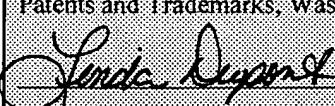
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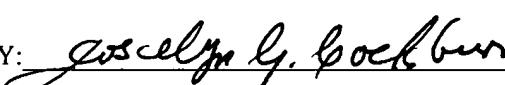
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